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For PLUG-AND-SOCKET  
CONNECTOR ELEMENTAG/A  
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JRWREPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel non-elected claims 10-18 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 6-9 as follows:

1. A plug-and-socket connector element comprising:

a base body in which at least one plug contact is arranged, the at least one plug contact permitting an insertion of an electric feed line in an axial direction from a rear end of the at least one plug contact, and

a fitting part which is movable with respect to the base body from a first latching position to a second latching position and which permits a lateral

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